

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101

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Making a Difference

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PRESENTATION UPDATE

Sessions: 42

Attendance: 7,200

- Alma College Education Dept, Alma, MI
- Banford Elementary, Canton, NY
- Birmingham Temple, Farmington Hills, MI
- Chabot-Las Positas Community College ECC, Haywood, CA
- Cloverdale School, Farmington, MI
- Davis Elementary, Malone, NY
- First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, MI
- Greenwood Elementary, Grand Ledge, MI
- Highland United Methodist Church, Highland, MI
- Kennedy Elementary, Ogdensburg, NY
- Lawrence Avenue Elementary, Potsdam, NY
- Lincoln Elementary, Ogdensburg, NY
- Madill Elementary, Ogdensburg, NY
- Maplewood Elementary, Sylvania, OH
- Meadowvale Elementary, Toledo, OH
- New Covenant School, Lansing, MI
- North Country Intl Reading Assn, Ogdensburg, NY
- Norwood-Norfolk Elementary, Norwood, NY
- Our Shepherd Lutheran School, Birmingham, MI
- Prairie Ridge Elementary, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Ronald H. Brown Community School, Queens, NY
- Ross Park Elementary, Muskegon, MI
- Sherman Elementary, Ogdensburg, NY
- Stranahan Elementary, Toledo, OH
- Woodland Park Academy, Grand Blanc, MI

Total Bucketfilling sessions taught through March 31, 2010

Sessions: **1,648**

Attendance: **234,850**

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Bucket Nuggets

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Filling the Earth's Bucket

The earth has a bucket. When we protect and care for the earth, we fill the earth's bucket and we dip into the earth's bucket when we neglect or damage the earth.

Thursday, April 22, 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the first official Earth Day. I was in college forty years ago and can still remember the day I made a pledge in sociology class to help take care of the earth.

That teacher and that pledge inspired me to make a commitment to find ways to do my part. Over the next four decades, I've been involved in various earth-friendly activities. I've collected signatures to pass Michigan's bill to recycle bottles, served on the board of our local recycling group and, with others, helped bring recycling to the newspaper where I worked and then used that as a platform to educate the public. Today, I continue to do my part to fill the earth's bucket. That's what bucket filling is all about—everyone doing their part.

We celebrate Earth Day each year, but it really is a yearlong commitment that is best begun at an early age. We have visited many schools that are participating in the *Go Green* movement.

If you and your children are not already filling the earth's bucket, why not talk to them about what you could do as a family or a class?

Here are a few suggestions to get started:

Join your class in a pledge to be a bucket filler to the earth. On Earth Day, have your students do at least one thing that will fill the earth's bucket. Follow up with a discussion about what everyone did and how it made them feel.

You could also have your children write about a famous person who was a bucket filler and worked to protect the wildlife on earth. Jane Goodall, Jacques Cousteau, and John Muir are wonderful examples of earth's bucket fillers.

Why not make it a tradition on or around Earth Day to let your students know what you have accomplished together over the past school year?

I'm sure that our wonderful planet will appreciate whatever you do.

For more ideas on how you can be a bucket filler for the planet Earth, visit these sites:

www.kidsforsavingearth.org/

www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/earth-day/

This week's winners

Congratulations!



Nancy Sotomayor of Mercerville, New Jersey, is our bucket filler of the week. Congratulations Nancy! You have a book coming your way. Every bucket filler is a winner! Encourage your friends to get their buckets filled every week by signing on for our newsletter at

www.bucketfillers101.com.

Quote of the Week

"To cherish what remains of the Earth and to foster its renewal is our only legitimate hope of survival."—Wendell Berry